



OUTDOORS



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OUTDOORS

This is your guide to programs and events held within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area – a national park based on collaboration and partnership.

Dedicated staff, including many volunteers, of participating agencies and organizations provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

Questions on a particular program or event?

Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service) for the sponsoring park partner. Then turn to the **Directory on Page 37**.

Directions and map for program/event locations are also at the end of this booklet.

Want the latest park news and info?

Call **805-370-2301** or visit **www.nps.gov/samo**

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Tips for a safe and enjoyable visit:

Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Please also be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

KEEP HYDRATED Carry and drink plenty of water. Recommend one quart for short walks and more for longer hikes.

FOOTWEAR Wear sturdy footwear – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

NEVER HIKE ALONE The buddy system allows someone to go for help if needed.

HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE Avoid smoking on trails or in brush areas and do not build fires on the ground.

POISON OAK Staying on trails is the best way to avoid contact with this plant's leaves (clusters of three shiny leaflets) or its roots.

TICKS Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking since some ticks may carry diseases.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES These snakes will not bother you if you stay away from them. If someone is bitten by one, do not make an incision or try to draw out venom. Instead, seek advanced medical attention and get the person to an emergency room.

EMERGENCIES

Call **911**. For a ranger, call Angeles Dispatch at **661-723-3620**.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area



VISIT US!

Visitor Center

26876 Mulholland Hwy
Calabasas CA 91302
Hours: 9am to 5pm
(closed some holidays)
805-370-2301

Online

www.nps.gov/samo

  /santamonicamtms

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Kelp by Chuck Koptczak

California State Parks July Events



Campfire Programs

Friday and Saturday evenings –

- **Leo Carrillo State Park, Campground**
- **Malibu Creek State Park, Campground**

Join a park ranger for a fun and fascinating program. Bring a flashlight. Parking \$12. 1 hour

Junior Rangers

- **Leo Carrillo State Park, Campground**
- **Malibu Creek State Park, Campground**
- **Point Mugu State Park, Sycamore Cyn Campground**

Kids age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature or cultural program designed especially for you! 1 hour

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE FUN PROGRAMS:

- www.parks.ca.gov/LeoCarrilloEvents
- www.parks.ca.gov/MalibuCreekEvents
- www.parks.ca.gov/PointMuguEvents

TUE 7/2 8:30am

Point Dume State Preserve
Easy-pace Hikers to Paradise Cove Enjoy the sparkling surf, soft sands, and tide pool on a 5-6 mile beach walk. Bring water, snack, sandals/tennis shoes, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

TUE 7/2 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers Join a 7-mile, 1000' gain hike to Trippet Ranch via the re-engineered Wirebreak. Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead (PCH north 0.5 mile on Sunset Blvd, left 2.5 miles on Palisades Dr, left on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 818-905-5558. 4hrs SC

TUE 7/2 7pm

King Gillette Ranch
Evening Campfire Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us for an evening around the campfire. Follow signs to the outdoor amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 7/3 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista
Plein Air Landscape Painting Come out and watch plein air artists paint our wonderful mountain views. Bring your own materials and join in or wander around and find artists at various locations. Info: Shel, 805-496-2014. 3hrs TOPAW

WED 7/3 7pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Evening Campfire Come out to the park for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

FRI 7/5 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Rise from the Ashes Explore the effects of fire on a hike to Inspiration Point. Discover the ways plants and animals recover from fire. Bring sunscreen and water. Meet at fountain. 1hr MRCA/NPS

FREE FISHING DAY

Leo Carrillo State Park
July 6, 2013
Saturday, 9am - 11am

Bring your fishing poles and join us at the beach! Learn to fish with a park ranger and take advantage of the opportunity to fish without a sport fishing license.

Info: 805-370-2301

SAT 7/6 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamt.com. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 7/6 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Stream-Side Trail Under Shady Oak Delight in the colors of a basin set among craggy peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 7/6 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking, innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC.

SAT 7/6 10am

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location and join us for an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 7/7 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk A leisurely walk through the park while identifying birds by sight and sound. For experienced and beginning birders. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 7/7 9am

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Nature Trek Take an invigorating, moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom, including shady green trails and sun-baked, steep paths. Enjoy canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



Fire Effects Porch Talk

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Every Saturday
10:30-11am

Join us on the porch to discuss the impacts of the Springs Fire at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. Learn about recovery efforts and ways to get involved.

Info: 805-370-2301. NPS

Storytime

at the Visitor Center

Every Thursday
10:00am - 11:00am
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Come enjoy a few new stories each week and talk about what you can explore further while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 5 and under. WNPA/NPS

INFO: 805-370-2301

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Temescal Canyon Association Tuesday Evening Hikes

Meet at 6pm in Temescal Gateway Park to carpool to trailhead. Wear hiking boots/sturdy shoes; bring lunch and water. 2.5 hours
www.temcanyon.org
or 310-454-4188





Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.
Reservations required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small
groups (no reservations
required).

Meet docent at the Gate
House for a one-hour tour.
FEE

*A Children's Tour
of the Adamson House,
Malibu Lagoon Museum,
and Malibu Lagoon*

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

View life as lived at
the house in the 1930s,
Chumash culture, plus
birds, fish, and tidepools
at the lagoon.
2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's
groups only (such as
school groups, scouts, and
sports groups).

Reservations required:
310-317-8379 or
310-456-8432

SUN 7/7 10am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Kids' Hands in Nature Join
us for an easy stroll and study
what's all around us. After-
wards, create art inspired by all
the nature you have seen. For
ages 3-8 years, children must be
accompanied by an adult. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

SUN 7/7 Noon-7pm*

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
A Holiday Week Sunday Tour
Enjoy a 30-45 minute tour of
the Historic Adamson House.
*Tours available from noon
thru 7pm. Info & Reservations:
310-456-8432. Walk-ins are
fine. \$10 fee. MLMD

SUN 7/7 6pm

Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Learn the secrets
that turn a dusty set into a
realistic town. Join us on this
easy-paced walk behind the
scenes to discover the illu-
sions and history of Paramount
Ranch. 1hr NPS

TUE 7/9 7:30am

*Caballero Canyon -
Lower Trailhead*
**Easy-pace Hike to Bent
Arrow Trail** Join a 5-mile, 900'
gain loop hike up a canyon onto
old dirt Mulholland for chapar-
ral and valley views. Bring
water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and
sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info:
818-346-5759. 3hrs SC

TUE 7/9 7pm

King Gillette Ranch
Evening Campfire Loosen your
marshmallow-roasting arm,
pack up the family, and join
us for an evening around the
campfire. Follow signs to the
outdoor amphitheater. 1.5hrs
MRCA/SMMC

WED 7/10 7pm

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Evening Campfire Come out
to the park for a fun evening of
songs, marshmallow roasting,
and a nature program. Meet at
amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/
SMMC

WED 7/10 8pm

Rancho Sierra Vista
Creatures of the Night Take a
1.5-mile hike with a ranger and
discover which animals come
out at dusk. If we are lucky,
we will spot some scorpions or
hear the coyotes howl. Bring a
flashlight. 2hrs NPS

THU 7/11 7:30am

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach -
Adamson House*
Malibu Beach Walk Moder-
ately-paced 5-7 mile walk. Meet
at Surfrider Beach parking lot.
Bring water, snacks, hat, and
sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info:
818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

THU 7/11 9:30am

*Malibu Creek State Park -
Tapia Unit*
Crayfish Trapping Give native
fish and tadpoles a chance by
removing non-native invasive
crayfish from spawning pools.
Great fun for kids, families, and
scouts. Wear shoes that can
get muddy. Register at www.mrtcrayfish.eventbrite.com. For
groups and info: 818-591-1701
x202. 2hrs MRT

THU 7/11 9:30am

*Headwaters Corner
at Calabasas*
The Li'l Naturalist Program
3-5-year olds discover wonders
of nature in walks, games, and
songs in 5 weekly classes. An
adult must accompany each
child. Info or pre-register at
www.mountainstrust.org or
818-591-1701 x212. 2.5hrs MRT

THU 7/11 10am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Storytime See box on page 7

THU 7/11 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Evening Campfire Bring some
good cheer. We will provide the
rest including a nature program,
roaring campfire, and marsh-
mallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 7/13 8am

*Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch*
Nature in Focus A good pho-
tograph combines technique,
composition, and being in the
right place at the right time.
We'll provide a stunning setting
and help you along the way to
get that memorable picture.
Bring your camera. Meet in
parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

Art Exhibit Opening Saturday, July 13 11am-2pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Come and enjoy an exhibit opening by **Tony Moore**.
Meet and greet the artist. See Tony's extraordinary
craftsmanship of dream catchers. The exhibit will
run through October 19. All ages welcome.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 7/13 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Gardening in a Preserve
Build habitat by restoring native
plants and California bunch
grasses. Receive community
service credit. Reservations
required: or 818-591-1701 x203
or volunteer@treepeople.org.
3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 7/13 9am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Sounds of Silence Relax in the
early morning as the canyon
wakes up for the day on a
peaceful walk and meditation.
Enjoy an easy walk. 1.5hrs
MRCA/SMMC

SAT 7/13 9am

*Caballero Canyon -
Lower Trailhead*
Hike to Eagle Rock Join a
moderately-paced 10-mile,
2000' gain loop hike via the
cool and shady Garapito Trail
in Topanga State Park. Bring
food, water, hat, sunscreen,
and hiking shoes. Red Flag Alert
cancels. Info: 818-708-9535. SC

SAT 7/13 9:30am

Tapia Park
Paint-out New or experienced
artists, any media, are welcome
to paint and capture the beauty
of Tapia. Great for painting, hik-
ing, sycamores, and mountain
vistas. Info: allied-artists.com or
310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Chumash Ethnobotany:
Plant Knowledge Among
the Chumash People of
Southern California

**July 13
Saturday,
10am & 2pm**

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center

Jan Timbrook,
Curator of Ethnography
at the Santa Barbara
Museum of Natural History,
has been studying the
Chumash and uses of
plants for over 30 years.
She will be available for
book signing of *Chumash
Ethnobotany*. 1.5hrs
NPS/WNPA
Reservations required:
805-370-2301

SAT 7/13 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
at Calabasas**Youth Naturalist Program:
Reptiles and Amphibians**

Ages 8–12, learn the difference between the two and why they are important. A guest speaker will bring snakes, turtles, lizards, and amphibians. Fee. Pre-registration required at www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 3hrs MRT

SAT 7/13 10:30am

Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center**Fire Effects Porch Talk**

See box on page 7

SAT 7/13 1pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center**Stroll Through the Seasons**

Enjoy a walk through the native plant garden where we will observe how plants and animals change with the seasons. Meet inside Visitor Center. 30 minutes MRCA/SMMC

**FREE Sunday Concerts
in the Park**

at Peter Strauss Ranch
July 14, 3pm – 5pm

Big Shot and the Six Pack Enjoy acoustic originals and classic rock. This Simi Valley based group has played all over Ventura and Los Angeles.



After the concert, learn about the rich history of Peter Strauss Ranch on a ranger-led 30-minute stroll. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 7/14 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains

Weed Wars Restore Habitat

Remove ripgut and thistles so native grasses and oak seedlings can provide food and shelter for wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-348-5910 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 7/14 3pm

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center

Capture a Nature Moment

Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 7/16 9am

Point Dume State Preserve

Moderate Hikers to Paradise Cove

Join a 7-mile roundtrip beach walk. Bring water, lunch, hat, and sunscreen. Info: 310-821-4123. 4hrs SC

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center**Fire in the
Mountains Day**

July 16, 2013
Tuesday, 1pm-5pm

Learn about fire as a force in the mountains. Join us for the unveiling of the USGS video "Living with Fire: The USGS Southern California Wildfire Risk Project." We will also have fire themed lectures and hikes plus other wild-fire items to explore.

NPS/MRCA
Information:
805-370-2301



TUE 7/16 7pm

King Gillette Ranch

Evening Campfire Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us around the campfire. Follow signs to the amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**Culture in the
Canyon** at the Chautauqua Series

July 16, Tuesday at 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

**Uncovering the Mysteries of
the Mountains Lions**

National Park Wildlife Biologist **Jeff Sikich** will share the latest research to shed light on how our local large cats survive in the face of so many challenges. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 7/17 9am

Paramount Ranch

Plein Air Landscape Painting

Watch plein air artists paint our mountain views or bring your own materials and join in. Info: Shel 805-496-2014. 3hrs TOPAW

WED 7/17 7pm

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center

Evening Campfire Come out to the park for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

THU 7/18 7:30am

Franklin Canyon -

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Franklin Canyon Moderately-paced 4-6 mile hike depending on weather. Meet at lower (ranch) parking lot. Parking warning: stop at camera monitored stop signs in park or you will be ticketed. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

THU 7/18 10am

Santa Monica Mountains

Interagency Visitor Center

Storytime See box on page 7

THU 7/18 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Evening Campfire Bring some good cheer. We will provide a nature program, roaring campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

FRI 7/19 10am

Santa Monica Mountains

Interagency Visitor Center

Tiny Tot Trek Join a ranger for a fun-filled hike with your toddler while learning about the plants and animals. Bring a snack. Meet at fountain. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. 1hr NPS

SAT 7/20 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Volunteers Needed for Invasive Plant Removal Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: Jerry 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 7/20 10am

Santa Monica Mountains

Interagency Visitor Center

Inspiration Point Hike Get inspired by our mountains on this hike. Join us on this moderate, 1-mile roundtrip hike. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet by fountain. 1hr NPS

SAT 7/20 10:30am

Satwiwa Native American

Indian Culture Center

Fire Effects Porch Talk See box on page 7

SUN 7/21 8am

Malibu Creek State Park

Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 7/21 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park

Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 7/21 3pm

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center

Native Ways Walk in the footsteps of the local natives on this easy stroll. Learn how everyday items were created from their surrounding environment. Hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 7/21 3pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
A Trek Around King Gillette Ranch Join us for an easy to moderate 1-mile, 300' gain hike with views. Learn about the Ranch history and our native flora & fauna. Bring water and sunscreen; wear appropriate footwear. Meet inside visitor center. 2hrs WNPA

MON 7/22 7pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

TUE 7/23 7pm

King Gillette Ranch
Evening Campfire Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us for an evening around the campfire. Follow signs to the outdoor amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 7/24 7pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Evening Campfire Come out to the park for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

THU 7/25 7:30am

Point Dume State Preserve
Paradise Cove Beach Walk Enjoy a moderately-paced 5-7 mile walk on the beach and bluff to Paradise Cove and back. Meet at entrance to Westward Beach Rd parking lot in Malibu. Bring water, snacks, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3.5hrs SC

THU 7/25 10am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Storytime See box on page 7

THU 7/25 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Evening Campfire Bring some good cheer and we will provide the rest, including a nature program, roaring campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

FRI 7/26 3pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
King Gillette Ranch History Tour Join us for a stroll through the grounds of the Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

SAT 7/27 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Habitat Restoration Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CPS/TP

SAT 7/27 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Crayfish Trapping Give native fish and tadpoles a chance by removing the non-native invasive crayfish from spawning pools in Malibu Creek. Great fun for kids, families, and scouts. Wear shoes that can get muddy. Register at www.mrtcrayfish.eventbrite.com. For groups and info: 818-591-1701 x202. 2hrs MRT

SAT 7/27 10:30am

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Fire Effects Porch Talk See box on page 7

SUN 7/28 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

Evening Cultural Program

Saturday, July 27**7:30pm- 9pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Hear the inspirational flute music from **Eric "Medicine Wind" Alvarado**. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**SUN 7/28 8:30am**

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Creek Young oak trees need your help. Come water and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 7/28 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families - binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

TUE 7/30 8am

Point Dume State Preserve
Zuma Beach Walk Join a 5-mile, no gain low tide beach walk along an estuary, beautiful cliffs, sparkling surf and soft sands. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, snack; sandals, tennis shoes or bare feet. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

TUE 7/30 9am

Will Rogers State Historic Park
Moderate Hikers - Backbone Trail to Oak Tree Join the 8-mile, 1600' gain hike to Inspiration Point, Chicken Ridge Bridge and the Oak Tree. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles, If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-450-4102. 4hrs SC

TUE 7/30 7pm

King Gillette Ranch
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WED 7/31 7pm

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26th Anniversary

Silents Under the Stars

SUNDAY July 21 8pm

Classic Silent Movies

CHICAGO (1928)

Starring Phyllis Haver, Julia Faye, May Robson and Eugene Pallette. Directed by Frank Upson.

This Cecil B. DeMille production was originally a stage play that became the film ROXIE HART, the Broadway musical CHICAGO and then the Oscar-winning Best Picture CHICAGO. In this 1920s silent version, a Chicago-land flapper shoots her lover and sees her murder trial as a gateway to stardom.

Paramount Ranch

1.5-2 hours. \$6 FEE. (\$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for Hollywood Heritage members). Info: 805-370-2301
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UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve
 K-12 Environmental Education Program:
www.stuntranch.ucnrs.org/index.php/kids-area

For info on the Reserve: www.stuntranch.ucnrs.org



August



Fire Effects Porch Talk

Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center
Every Saturday
10:30-11am

Join us on the porch
to discuss the impacts
of the Springs Fire at
Rancho Sierra Vista/
Satwiwa. Learn about
recovery efforts and
ways to get involved.

Info: 805-370-2301. NPS

THU 8/1 7:30am

*Caballero Canyon -
Upper Trailhead*
Top of Reseda Enjoy a
moderately-paced 5-8 mile
hike, depending on weather, in
northern Topanga State Park.
Bring plenty of water, snacks,
lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen.
Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-
4799. 3.5hrs SC

THU 8/1 10am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Storytime See box on page 15

THU 8/1 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Evening Campfire Bring some
good cheer and we will provide
the rest, including a nature
program, roaring campfire, and
marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/
SMMC

FRI 8/2 9:30am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Rise from the Ashes Explore
the effects of fire on a hike to
Inspiration Point. Discover the
ways plants and animals re-
cover from fire. Bring sunscreen
and water. Meet at fountain.
1hr MRCA/NPS

SAT 8/3 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
**Introduction to Mountain
Bike Skills** Learn proper off-
road riding fundamentals and
shared-use etiquette. Mountain
bike and helmet required.
Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.
corbamtb.com or 805-558-
1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 8/3 9:30am

*Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*
Walk in Shade of Great Oaks
Delight in the colors of a basin
set among craggy peaks. 2hrs
CCD

SAT 8/3 10am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Franklin's Movie Magic This
site has been the backdrop for
movies and TV shows since
the 1930s. Go on location and
join us for an easy walk. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

SAT 8/3 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era
King Gillette Ranch was home
to MGM Director, Clarence
Brown, who made movies on
this still popular filming loca-
tion. Look behind the scenes at
his filmmaking, innovations and
Hollywood parties on this easy
walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC.

SAT 8/3 10am

Rocky Oaks
Tiny Tot Trek Join a ranger
for a fun-filled hike with your
toddler while learning about
the plants and animals. Bring
a snack. Meet in parking lot.
Reservations required: 805-370-
2301. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

SAT 8/3 10:30am

*Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center*
Fire Effects Porch Talk See
box on page 14

SUN 8/4 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk A leisurely walk
through the park while identifi-
ing birds by sight and sound.
For experienced and beginning
birders. Bring binoculars, hat,
water, snack, and optional
scope and bird book. Info: 310-
455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

California State Parks August Events



Campfire Programs

Friday and Saturday evenings –

- **Leo Carrillo State Park, Campground**
- **Malibu Creek State Park, Campground**

Join a park ranger for a fun and fascinating program.
Bring a flashlight. Parking \$12. 1 hour

Junior Rangers

- **Leo Carrillo State Park, Campground**
- **Malibu Creek State Park, Campground**
- **Point Mugu State Park, Sycamore Cyn Campground**

Kids age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature
or cultural program designed especially for you! 1 hour

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE FUN PROGRAMS:

- www.parks.ca.gov/LeoCarrilloEvents
- www.parks.ca.gov/MalibuCreekEvents
- www.parks.ca.gov/PointMuguEvents

SUN 8/4 9am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Nature Trek Take an invigorat-
ing, moderately-difficult hike
covering the canyon from top
to bottom, including shady
green trails and sun-baked,
steep paths. Canyon history and
habitat chat along the way. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

SUN 8/4 10am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Hunting for Nature's Treas-
ures** Join us on a hunt full
of surprises and fun to find
nature's special treats. For ages
3-8 years, children must be
accompanied by an adult. 2hrs
MRCA/SMMC

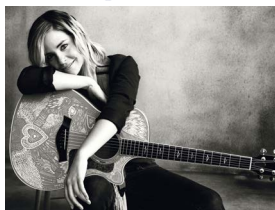
FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

August 4, 5pm – 7pm

Dawn Mitschele

Best known for her angelic
vocals and smooth acoustic
style, this singer/songwriter
is rising out of the Southern
California music scene.



After the concert, learn about the rich history of
Peter Strauss Ranch. Take a ranger-led 30-minute
stroll through the park. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Storytime

at the Visitor Center

Every Thursday

10:00am - 11:00am
Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center

Come enjoy a few new
stories each week and
talk about what you
can explore further while
in the Santa Monica
Mountains. For ages 5
and under. WNPA/NPS

INFO: 805-370-2301

TUE 8/6 9am

*Circle X Ranch -
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead*
Moderate Hikers Backbone Trail Hike Join the 9-mile, 750' gain hike on a portion of the Backbone Trail traveling toward Etz Meloy. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 562-618-1129. 5hrs SC

TUE 8/6 7pm

King Gillette Ranch
Evening Campfire Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us for an evening around the campfire. Follow signs to the outdoor amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 8/7 7pm

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Evening Campfire Come out to the park for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

THU 8/8 7:30am

Topanga State Park
Parker Mesa Overlook Join a moderately-paced 6-mile, 1300' gain hike. Meet at trailhead. Bring plenty of water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3.5hrs SC

THU 8/8 9:30am

*Malibu Creek State Park -
Tapia Unit*

Crayfish Trapping Give native fish and tadpoles a chance by removing the non-native invasive crayfish from spawning pools in Malibu Creek. Great fun for kids, families, and scouts. Wear shoes that can get muddy. Register at www.mrtcrayfish.eventbrite.com. For groups and info: 818-591-1701 x202. 2hrs MRT

THU 8/8 9:30am

*Headwaters Corner
at Calabasas*

The Li'l Naturalist Program 3-5-year olds discover wonders of nature in walks, games, and songs in 5 weekly classes. An adult must accompany each child. Info or pre-register at www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 2.5hrs MRT

THU 8/8 10am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Storytime See box on page 15

THU 8/8 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Evening Campfire Bring some good cheer and we will provide the rest, including a nature program, roaring campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 8/10 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Gardening in a Preserve Build habitat by restoring native plants. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 8/10 9am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Sounds of Silence Relax in the early morning as the canyon wakes up for the day on a peaceful walk and meditation. Enjoy an easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 8/10 9:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Paint-out Restoration allows the lagoon to cleanse itself. Beautiful ocean view and wild-life. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 8/10 10:30am

*Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center*
Fire Effects Porch Talk See box on page 14

SAT 8/10 1pm

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Stroll Through the Seasons Enjoy a walk through the native plant garden where we will observe how plants and animals change with the seasons. Meet inside Visitor Center. 30 minutes MRCA/SMMC

SAT 8/10 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Walk into the Chumash World Discover how local Chumash Indians have used many natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Summer Star Festival

Saturday, August 10, 7:30pm*Paramount Ranch*

Astronomers will share information about our solar system and beyond. Telescopes will be directed towards the Moon, Saturn, and other objects in our Milky Way Galaxy.

Learn about nocturnal animals and ecology from naturalists.

Bring a flashlight with a red lens or a red cellophane filter. 3hrs

INFO: 805-370-2301**SUN 8/11 8:45am**

Malibu Creek State Park
Weed Wars Restore Habitat Remove ripgut and thistles so native grasses and oak seedlings can provide food and shelter for wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-348-5910 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 8/11 3pm

*Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch*
Capture a Nature Moment Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 8/11 3pm

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Wild Creatures of the Chaparral From bobcats to darkling beetles, King Gillette Ranch provides habitat for a wide range of wildlife. Join us on an easy to moderate 1-mile, 300' gain hike with views. Bring water and sunscreen; wear appropriate footwear. Meet inside visitor center. 2hrs WNPA

TUE 8/13 8am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Malibu Beach Walk Join a moderately-paced 4-mile, no gain low tide beach walk at Surfrider Beach and past Malibu Lagoon into the Colony (bare feet OK). Lots of birds. See how the Lagoon is recovering from all the recent work. Meet at Surfrider Beach parking lot. Bring water, snack, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 2.5hrs. SC

TUE 8/13 8:30am

*Topanga State Park -
Los Liones Trailhead*
Moderate Hikers Join a 7-mile, 1000' gain hike. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 818-905-5558. 4hrs SC

THU 8/15 7:30am

Topanga State Park
Trippet Ranch, Musch Trail, Eagle Rock Loop Join a moderately-paced 6-mile, 1200' gain hike. Meet in parking lot. Bring \$ for parking, 2 qts water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3.5hrs SC

THU 8/15 9am

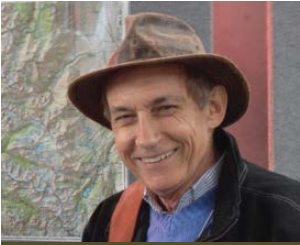
*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Inspiration Point Hike Get inspired on this hike. Join us on this moderate, 1-mile roundtrip hike. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet by fountain. 1hr NPS

THU 8/15 10am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Storytime See box on page 15

SAT 8/17 8am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Nature in Focus A good photograph combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way to get that memorable picture. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Tom Harrison:
Master Map Maker

August 17
Saturday,
10am & 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center

Tom Harrison
discusses map making
and the trails of the
Santa Monica
Mountains which he has
hiked and/or biked.
This noted California
cartographer will be
available to sign
his maps following the
1.5 hour-long program.
NPS/WNPA

Reservations required:
805-370-2301

Evening Cultural Program

Saturday, August 17
7:30pm- 9pm

Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center

Enjoy the Satwiwa sunset while listening to
Lisa Wahpepah as she shares her native tribes
stories and songs. Bring a flashlight. All ages
welcome. Info: 805-370-2301.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 8/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Volunteers Needed for
Invasive Plant Removal Help
remove invasive Spanish broom
from Saddle Peak and restore
native habitat. Receive commu-
nity service credit. Reservations
required: Jerry 818-406-1269.
5hrs SMMTC

SAT 8/17 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak
Woodlands Help rebuild habi-
tat. Receive community service
credit. Reservations required:
volunteer@treepeople.org or
818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs
MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 8/17 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Hondo Canyon Hike Join a
moderately-paced 8-mile, 2000'
gain roundtrip hike on Hondo
Canyon Trail to Saddle Peak for
views of the Pacific coast. Meet
on south side of Old Topanga
Road, 1 mile west of Topanga
Canyon Blvd (carpool as park-
ing is very limited and on the
shoulder). Bring food, water,
hat, sunscreen, and hiking
shoes. Red Flag Alert cancels.
Info: 818-708-9535. 4hrs SC

SAT 8/17 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
at Calabasas
Youth Naturalist Program:
Insects and Arthropods
Children age 8–12 hunt for
insects on a walk and examine
them with a microscope. A
guest specialist brings unusual
specimens. Fee. Pre-registration
required at 818-591-1701 x212
or www.mountaintrust.org.
3hrs MRT

SAT 8/17 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Walk into the Chumash
World Discover how local
Chumash Indians have used
the natural resources of their
environment for thousands of
years to create a sustainable
way of life on this easy 1-mile
walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 8/17 10:30am

Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center
Fire Effects Porch Talk See
box on page 14

SUN 8/18 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds
in unspoiled habitats. Bring
binoculars. Beginners welcome.
Meet in lower parking lot.
Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art
818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 8/18 10am

Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center
Tom Harrison For program
description, see box on left
Reservations required:
805-370-2301. Note:
1 hour long program

SUN 8/18 3pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Native Ways Walk in the foot-
steps of the local natives on this
easy stroll. Learn how everyday
items were created from their
surrounding environment.
Hands-on experience with
tools, musical instruments, and
basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 8/20 8am

Topanga State Park
Trippet Ranch to Eagle
Rock Join an easy-pace 5-mile
hike on a Musch Trail through
grasslands, oak woodlands,
chaparral, and coastal sage
with 360 degree views from
Eagle Rock. Bring water, snack,
lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen.
Rain cancels. Info: 818-346-
5759. 3hrs SC

WED 8/21 7pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the
mountains, meadow, and an
ocean overlook as the moon
lights our way. Bring a flashlight
and meet at upper parking
lot. Rain cancels. Reservations
required: 310-317-1364. \$4
parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

26th Anniversary

Silents Under the Stars

SUNDAY August 18 7:30pm

Classic Silent Movies

Peter Pan (1925)

*Starring Betty Bronson, Esther Ralston, Mary Brian
and Ernest Torrence. Directed by Herbert Brenon.*

In this charming silent adaptation of the children's classic,
the quaint visual effects will have you believing in fairies.
Live musical accompaniment by Michael Mortilla.
Presented on authentic 16mm projectors.
Surprise short subjects will be shown before the feature.

Paramount Ranch

1.5–2 hours. \$6 FEE. (\$3 for children under 12 and
\$5 for Hollywood Heritage members). Info: 805-370-2301
Sponsored by the National Park Service and
the Silent Society of Hollywood Heritage, Inc.

Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

August 20, Tuesday at 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

**Perfect Partners: Gardening with Natives
and All Sorts of Edibles**

Lili Singer, Theodore Payne Foundation, will
share how best to combine natives and edibles
in the home garden, why this partnership is so
rewarding for both the gardener/chef and wildlife,
and which plants make the best companions.
Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC



Horse Tales

Saturday, August 24, 9-11am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Bring the family for a tour of historic Rancho Sierra Vista. View ranch buildings and restored carriages. Take a 1.5 mile hike. Meet the rangers and volunteers who patrol on horseback. Enjoy a short horse demo in the ranch arena. Meet in main parking lot.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Camp with a Ranger

August 24 – August 25, 2013
Saturday, 3:30pm – Sunday, 9:30am
Circle X Ranch

Want to try camping but don't know how to get started? Learn camping skills. Spend the night in the great outdoors! A limited supply of camping gear is available to borrow. Get a complete camping checklist when you reserve.

Reservations required by 8/16: 805-370-2301



THU 8/22 7:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Upper Mandeville & Nike Radar Site Join a moderately-paced 6-mile, 1100' gain hike. Meet at trailhead (from Ventura Blvd take Hayvenhurst Ave south 1.8 miles, turn right on Encino Hills Dr, continue 1 mile to dirt Mulholland Dr. From 405 Fwy, take Mulholland Dr, west 2 miles to end of pavement at Encino Hills Dr. On dirt Mulholland go 100 yards west and park facing white posts). Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3.5hrs SC

THU 8/22 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Storytime See box on page 15

FRI 8/23 3:30pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
King Gillette Ranch History Tour Join us for a stroll through the grounds of King Gillette Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

SAT 8/24 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Habitat Restoration Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring water and a snack. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CPS/TP

SAT 8/24 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park -
Tapia Unit

Crayfish Trapping Give native fish and tadpoles a chance by removing the non-native invasive crayfish from spawning pools in Malibu Creek. Great fun for kids, families, and scouts. Wear shoes that can get muddy. Register at www.mrtcrayfish.eventbrite.com. For groups and info: 818-591-1701 x202. 2hrs MRT

SAT 8/24 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Hiking and Yoga Combine the aerobics of hiking with the stretching and meditative qualities of yoga while experiencing the beauty of the park. Learn about native plants, animals, and Chumash customs. Bring a yoga mat and meet at lower parking lot by the restrooms. 2.5hrs MCD

SAT 8/24 10:30am

Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center
Fire Effects Porch Talk See box on page 14

SUN 8/25 8am

Solstice Canyon
Canyon Ramble Celebrate the summer while hiking the creek-side trail that is lined with sycamores and other native trees. Info: 818-782-9346. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 8/25 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 8/25 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Creek Young oak trees need your help. Come water and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 8/25 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families (binoculars provided). Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

TUE 8/27 8am

Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch
View-hike Join a moderately-paced 5-mile, 800' gain hike through a chaparral canyon with views of Los Angeles, the Pacific Ocean, and a lake. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Parking warning: stop at camera monitored stop signs in park or you will be ticketed. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

WED 8/28 10am

Leo Carrillo State Park
Let's Move Outside Kids of all ages are encouraged to get physically active in the great outdoors. This ranger-led activity consists of a physical fitness obstacle course with prizes awarded at the end. Meet on the beach. 1hr NPS



THU 8/29 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Storytime See box on page 15

SAT 8/31 10:30am

Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center
Fire Effects Porch Talk See box on page 14

Western National Parks
Association Craft Workshop

CHAPARRAL'S
TOYSTORE:
GAMES OF
SKILLS & THRILLS



AUGUST 31, 2013
Saturday, 9am - 11am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center

Play and make games at this fun workshop. **PETER RICE** is a local artist, naturalist, and instructor. Join him in crafting *Walnut in a Cup*, *Ring in a Pin*, *Stick Dice*, and more from natural materials. Recommended age 8+ and ideal for families, teachers, docents, and nature enthusiasts. Material fee of \$10.

RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED:
805-370-2301

September



Storytime at the Visitor Center

Every Thursday
10:00am - 11:00am
Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center

Come enjoy a few new stories each week and talk about what you can explore further while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 5 and under. WNPA/NPS
INFO: 805-370-2301

Spirit of the Mountains 2013 PHOTO CONTEST

Start gathering your photos for the Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest!

Submissions accepted **September 1 – 30, 2013**
Check website for 2013 categories, rules, and the application forms.

Info: National Park Service at 805-370-2301 or
www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm



SUN 9/1 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk A leisurely walk through the park while identifying birds by sight and sound. For experienced and beginning birders. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 9/1 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Kids' Hands in Nature Join us for an easy stroll and study what's all around us. Afterwards, create art inspired by all the nature you have seen. For ages 3-8 years, children must be accompanied by an adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 9/1 Noon-7pm*

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
A Holiday Week Sunday Tour Enjoy a 30-45 minute tour of the Historic Adamson House. *Tours available from noon thru 7pm. Info & Reservations: 310-456-8432. Walk-ins are fine. \$10 fee. MLMD

MON 9/2 10am

Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

TUE 9/3 8am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Easy-pace Hikers Join a 6.5-mile, 500' gain hike to Rock Pool and Century Lake. Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-346-5759. 4hrs SC

THU 9/5 10am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Storytime See box at left

SAT 9/7 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Repair Tools and instructions are provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/7 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Gardening in a Preserve Build habitat by restoring native plants and California bunch grasses. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 9/7 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbambt.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 9/7 9am

Will Rogers State Historic Park
Backbone Ramble Join a moderately-paced 8-mile, 1200' gain roundtrip hike along the Backbone Trail. Meet in park area adjacent to polo field. Option for an interpretative tour of Will Rogers ranch house after hike. Bring food, water, hat, sunscreen, and hiking shoes. Red Flag Alert cancels. Info: 310-474-0349. 4hrs SC

SAT 9/7 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
A Shaded Walk on a Stream-side Trail Delight in the colors in a basin set among craggy peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 9/7 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking, innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC.

SAT 9/7 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location and join us for an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



Fire Effects Porch Talk

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Every Saturday
10:30-11am

Join us on the porch to discuss the impacts of the Springs Fire at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. Learn about recovery efforts and ways to get involved.

Info: 805-370-2301. NPS



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Seth Riley

September 7
Saturday,
1pm-3pm

King Gillette Ranch
Auditorium

Seth Riley, National Park Service wildlife ecologist, professor, and author will discuss the state of urban carnivores of the Santa Monica Mountains including mountain lions and bobcats.

He will be available to sign his book *Urban Carnivores: Ecology, Conflict & Conservation.* NPS/WNPA

Reservations required:
805-370-2301

Evening Cultural Program

Saturday, September 7

7pm – 8:30pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Bill Neal, known as “Elk Whistle,” is a musician with Cherokee ancestry who performs with Plains-style cedar flutes of the Lakota, Kiowa, and Comanche Nations. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

September 8,
3pm – 5pm

The Art Rockers are a group of artists and musicians in the Art & Performing Arts Department at CSU Channel Islands. Their music includes a range of rock classics to contemporary alternative rock and originals.

After the concert, learn about the rich history of Peter Strauss Ranch on a ranger-led 30-minute stroll. Info: 805-370-2301.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



SUN 9/8 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed Wars Restore Habitat Remove ripgut and thistles so native grasses and oak seedlings can provide food and shelter for wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-348-5910 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 9/8 9am

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Nature Trek Take an invigorating, moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom, including shady green trails and sun-baked, steep paths. Canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 9/10 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers on the Beach Enjoy a 5-mile walk from Washington Blvd to the Jetty and back with an added excursion through the Venice canals before lunching at Baja Cantina. Meet in parking lot north of Venice Pier. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and \$ for brunch. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

THU 9/12 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Reagan Ranch Enjoy a moderately-paced 8-mile, 1000' gain hike along Lookout Trail for great views of Century Lake and Reagan picnic area. Meet at Cornell & Mulholland dirt parking area. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

THU 9/12 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park -
Tapia Unit
Crayfish Trapping Give native fish and tadpoles a chance by removing the non-native invasive crayfish from spawning pools in Malibu Creek. Great fun for kids, families, and scouts. Wear shoes that can get muddy. Register at www.mrtcrayfish.eventbrite.com. For groups and info: 818-591-1701 x202. 2hrs MRT

THU 9/12 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
at Calabasas
The Li'l Naturalist Program 3-5 year olds discover wonders of nature in walks, games, and songs in 5 weekly classes. An adult must accompany each child. Info or pre-register at www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 2.5hrs MRT

THU 9/12 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Storytime See box on page 22

SAT 9/14 8am

Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature in Focus A good photograph combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way to get that memorable picture. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 9/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Repair Tools and instructions are provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Habitat Restoration Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CPS/TP

SAT 9/14 9am

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Sounds of Silence Relax in the early morning as the canyon wakes up for the day on a peaceful walk and meditation. Enjoy an easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 9/14 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Rise from the Ashes Explore the effects of fire on a hike to Inspiration Point. Discover the ways plants and animals recover from fire. Bring sunscreen and water. Meet at fountain. 1hr MRCA/NPS

SAT 9/14 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Paint-out Summer crowds are gone, catch coastal vistas and waves at Topanga State Beach. Just west of Topanga Canyon Rd. off PCH. Info: 310-383-1374 or allied-artists.com. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 9/14 10:30am

Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center
Fire Effects Porch Talk See box on page 23

SAT 9/14 1pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Stroll Through the Seasons Enjoy a walk through the native plant garden where we will observe how plants and animals change with the seasons. Meet inside Visitor Center. 30 minutes MRCA/SMMC

SAT 9/14 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Walk into the Chumash World Discover how local Chumash Indians have used many natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 9/15 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 9/15 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead
This is Los Angeles??? Enjoy an easy hike downhill through rock-studded chaparral, grassland, and riparian habitats. Awesome views! 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 9/15 1pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Native Ways Walk in the footsteps of the local natives on this easy stroll. Learn how everyday items were created from their surrounding environment. Hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 9/15 3pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Capture a Nature Moment Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

View life as lived at the house in the 1930s, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

Reservations required:
310-317-8379 or
310-456-8432

SUN 9/15 3pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Exploring the Lives of the Slithery & Scaly Slithery, scaly, and often feared, these creatures are actually quite cool! Reptiles and amphibians come in a variety of sizes and colors and are adapted to our Mediterranean ecosystem. Easy to moderate 1-mile, 300' gain hike with views. Bring water and sunscreen; wear appropriate footwear. Meet inside visitor center. 2hrs WNPA

TUE 9/17 8am

Caballero Canyon - Upper Trailhead
Easy-pace Hikers Take a 5-mile, 300' gain hike along dirt Mulholland and fire roads through chaparral for valley views and a glimpse of the Pacific. Meet at trailhead. Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

TUE 9/17 9am

Point Mugu State Park - Ray Miller Trailhead
Moderate Hikers on Ray Miller Trail Enjoy a 7-mile, 1200' gain hike through a canyon with views of Boney Ridge and the ocean. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Info: 310-450-4102. 4hrs SC

TUE 9/17 9am

Circle X Ranch - Mishe Mokwa Trailhead
Moderate Hikers to Sandstone Peak (3111') Enjoy a 9-mile, 1500' gain hike on Boney Mountain scenic trails past Balanced and Split Rocks and Echo Cliffs. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alet, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs SC

Culture in the Canyon at the Chautauqua Series

September 17, Tuesday at 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park

Backbone Trail: Past, Present, Future

The Backbone Trail began as a local grassroots effort to connect our parks across the crest of the Santa Monica Mountains and is now a multiple agency effort. Join National Park Ranger **Mike Theune** as we share the past, present, and future of this nearly 70-mile long trail.

Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 9/18 7pm

Paramount Ranch
Creatures of the Night Take a 1.5-mile hike with a ranger and discover which animals come out at dusk. If we are lucky, we will spot some scorpions or hear the coyotes howl. Bring a flashlight. Meet at the kiosk. 2hrs NPS

THU 9/19 10am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Storytime See box on page 22

THU 9/19 7pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 9/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Repair Tools and instructions are provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Volunteers Needed Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: Jerry 818-406-1269. Rain cancels. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/21 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 9/21 9am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Inspiration Point Hike Get inspired by our mountains on this hike. Join us on this moderate, 1-mile roundtrip hike. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet by fountain. 1hr NPS



Topanga Canyon Docents

38th Annual Volunteer Training

September 21, 2013 Saturday, 9:30am
Topanga State Park - Trippet Ranch Nature Center

Learn the local history of the Santa Monica Mountains and how to share this gift with others. Six Saturday sessions will cover many topics including Native Americans, plants, birds, mammals, insects, reptiles, and amphibians. Four Sunday interpretive walks will be held. FEE. 6 hours each class.

Reservations required. For more information:
call Karin at 310-455-3143 or email Marc at marchbirenbaum@gmail.com
TopangaDocents.org

Evening Cultural Program

Saturday, September 21

7pm – 8:30pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Kathy Wilcuts and Steven Garcia perform Native American dance including Northern Traditional and shawl dancing. Bring a flash-light. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 9/22 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Creek Young oak trees need your help. Come water and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/ CNPS/TP

SUN 9/22 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families (binoculars provided). Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 9/22 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bay View Ramble Celebrate the beginning of autumn while ambling between sea and mountains with a shoreline stroll. Info: 818-782-9346. 2hrs CNPS

THU 9/26 8am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Saddle Peak Enjoy a moderately-paced 8-mile, 2000' gain hike to Saddle Peak from Stunt Road. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

THU 9/26 10am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Storytime See box on page 22

FRI 9/27 3:30pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
King Gillette Ranch History Tour Join us for a stroll through the grounds of King Gillette Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

SAT 9/28 8am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Canyon Birds Enjoy a leisurely morning stroll in the canyon while feasting your eyes on our feathered friends. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 9/28 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Repair Tools and instructions are provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/28 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Crayfish Trapping Give native fish and tadpoles a chance by removing the non-native invasive crayfish from spawning pools in Malibu Creek. Great fun for kids, families, and scouts. Wear shoes that can get muddy. Register at www.mrtcrayfish.eventbrite.com. For groups and info: 818-591-1701 x202. 2hrs MRT

SAT 9/28 10:30am

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Fire Effects Porch Talk See box on page 23

COLD CREEK DOCENTS Annual Naturalist Training



Training begins on Monday, **September 30, 2013**

Popular informal school program teaches kids about nature and earth science. Learn to lead nature hikes with 8-12 year olds at beautiful UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve. Learn about Santa Monica Mountains' plants, animals, early Chumash/Tongva cultures, interpretive techniques, and much more. You will also learn to make cool teaching tools.

7 sessions. Fee. Info: 818-591-9363

Environmental Educator Training

*Like working with students (grades K-12)?
Enjoy being outside interpreting nature?
Want to be part of a local community that helps the environment?*

Train this fall to become an Environmental Educator! Interested? Contact the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains.

INFORMATION
rcdsmm.org/education
rcdsmm.edu@gmail.com
818-597-8627 x103



Regularly Scheduled Activities

Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 10 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking, equestrian trails, and picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS/MRCA/CSP
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian, and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCB
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

Directions

- Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- California State Parks Angeles District Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak, and Stunt Rds.
- Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon):** From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)
Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon): From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

11 Headwaters Corner Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.

12 King Gillette Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.

13 Leo Carrillo State Park Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway. **Nicholas Flat Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.

14 Malibu Bluffs Park Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.

15 Malibu Creek State Park Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left. **Tapia Unit:** Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park. **Reagan Ranch:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy). **Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road:** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.

16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd. **Adamson House:** 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.

17 Paramount Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.

18 Peter Strauss Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.

19 Point Dume State Preserve Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.

20 Point Mugu State Park Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground. **Ray Miller Trailhead:** 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.

21 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd. **El Matador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd. **La Piedra State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd. **El Pescador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

22 Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left. **Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center:** Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building. **Wendy Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

23 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

24 Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

25 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

26 Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch From Ventura Fwy (101): Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Go 0.1 mile and turn right into entrance of King Gillette Ranch. The visitor center is the first building on your right.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #22.

27 Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

Sooky Goldman Nature Center See #10.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.

29 Tapia Park See #15.

30 Temescal Gateway Park From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

33 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 Zuma/Trancas Canyons **Zuma Ridge Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends. **Zuma Canyon Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road. **Newton Canyon Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

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*Site map available at www.nps.gov/samo
 **Site map available at www.lamountains.com



Have questions on a program or event?
Find the acronym (i.e. NPS) at the end of the description
and then contact the agency or organization below.

Directory of Park Partners

AASMM	310-457-9130	Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains (www.allied-artists.com)
CCD	818-591-1701	Cold Creek Docents (www.lafn.org/community/mrt/docents.html)
CMPRD	310-317-1364	City of Malibu Parks & Recreation Dept (www.malibucity.org)
CNI	213-746-2966	The Children's Nature Institute (www.childrensnatureinstitute.org)
CNPS	818-348-5910	California Native Plant Society (www.cnps.org)
CORBA	818-206-8213	Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn (www.corbamt.com)
CRPD	805-495-2163	Conejo Recreation & Park District (www.crp.org)
CSP	818-880-0363	California State Parks (www.parks.ca.gov)
CWC	310-394-2799	Coastwalk California (www.coastwalk.org)
FORC	323-666-5004	Friends of Runyon Canyon
LAAS	323-876-0202	Los Angeles Audubon Society (www.losangelesaudubon.org)
LADPR	213-738-2961	County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks & Recreation (parks.lacounty.gov)
MCD	818-889-6238	Malibu Creek Docents (www.malibucreekstatepark.org)
MLMD	310-456-8432	Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents (www.adamsonhouse.org)
MRCA	310-858-7272 x131	Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (www.lamountains.com)
MRT	818-591-1701	Mountains Restoration Trust (www.mountaintrust.org)
NB	310-765-4871	NatureBridge (www.naturebridge.org)
NOWW	310-455-0550	The Nature of Wildworks (www.natureofwildworks.org)
NPS	805-370-2301	National Park Service (www.nps.gov/samo)
RCDSMM	818-597-8627	Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns (www.rcdsmm.org)
SC	213-387-4287	Sierra Club (www.sierraclub.org)
SFVAS	818-618-1652	San Fernando Valley Audubon Society (www.sfvaudubon.org)
SFVGP	818-702-8020	San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch (www.calgourd.com)
SMBAS	310-395-6235	Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society (smbasblog.wordpress.com)
SMMC	310-589-3200	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (www.smmc.ca.gov)
SMMF	805-370-2341	Santa Monica Mountains Fund (www.samofund.org)
SMMNHA	805-488-1827	Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Assn
SMMTC	818-222-4531	Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council (www.smmtc.org)
SRSMMR	310-206-3887	UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mtns Reserve (stuntranch.ucnr.org)
TCA	310-459-5931	Temescal Canyon Association (www.temcanyon.org)
TCD	310-455-1696	Topanga Canyon Docents (www.topangacanyondocents.org)
TOPAW	805-494-1700	Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists
TP	818-753-4600	TreePeople (www.treepeople.org)
WNPA	805-370-2302	Western National Parks Association (www.wnpa.org)
WRD	310-454-8212	Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents

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